

Billing Codes for Cognitive Assessment

These billing codes are recommended for cognitive assessment focused visits. Consider using them when applying the skills outlined in the toolkit.

Note: This list is NOT comprehensive and may not apply for every practice or situation.

Code	Procedure	Time	Notes	Est. 2022 Medicare Reimbursement
99483	Cognitive Assessment and Care Planning	Unlimited	Requires certain ICD-10 codes (Dementia, Alzheimer's, etc.), face-to-face conversation, functional assessment, medication review, and assessment using tools to stage dementia*	\$265
99497	Advanced Care Planning	First 30 minutes	Requires face-to-face with patient/caregiver and discussion of advanced directives	\$86
99498	Advanced Care Planning	Additional 30 minutes	Billed with 99497 for prolonged visit	\$75
99221-15	Office/outpatient visit, established patient	5-40 minutes	Standard Outpatient f/up visit codes	Variable
99354	Prolonged face-to-face contact with the patient visit	30-74 minutes beyond office visit	Can be billed in addition to standard visit above (99221-15) for cognitive evaluation/care planning	\$140
99358	Prolonged service without direct patient contact	30-74 minutes	Can be billed when doing research, making phone calls to other providers, or phone calls to family members to gather information	\$113

99483 Cognitive Assessment and Care Planning

CPT Code 99483 can be billed for a cognitive assessment visit and has significant reimbursement attached, however, there are several requirements that must be met to bill for 99483. The following must be performed with the patient and an independent historian to bill 99483:

- Examine the patient with a focus on observing cognition
- Record and review the patient's history, reports, and records
- Conduct a functional assessment of Basic and Instrumental Activities of Daily Living, including decision-making capacity
- Use standardized instruments for staging of dementia like the Functional Assessment Staging Test (FAST) and Clinical Dementia Rating (CDR)
- Reconcile and review for high-risk medications, if applicable
- Use standardized screening instruments to evaluate for neuropsychiatric and behavioral symptoms, including depression and anxiety
- Conduct a safety evaluation for home and motor vehicle operation
- Identify social supports including how much caregivers know and are willing to provide care
- Address Advance Care Planning and any palliative care needs page